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OLD BEREA CHURCH, MORGAN COUNTY, ILL.

CONTRIBUTED BY MRS. ANDREW HARRIS.

It is a matter of interest that the original record book of the Berea Church of Christ, located in Morgan county, organized August 15, 1851, has been preserved. Mrs. Andrew Harris, of Alexander, Illinois, has carefully copied the record for the Journal. The church is located in range 8, township 16, Morgan county. The land upon which it is located was bought of Joel Robinson. The building was built by Joseph Black of Virginia, Illinois.

Its first pastor was the Rev. Charles Rowe, 1852. Other pastors in succession were, Rev. William R. Grant, Rev. Aquilla Sims, 1857; Rev. Allen H. Rice, 1862; Rev. B. W. Haley, 1866. While a regular pastor has not been employed during the intervening years, still services have been held, and upon its reorganization in 1904, a regular pastor was employed for two Sundays in each month.

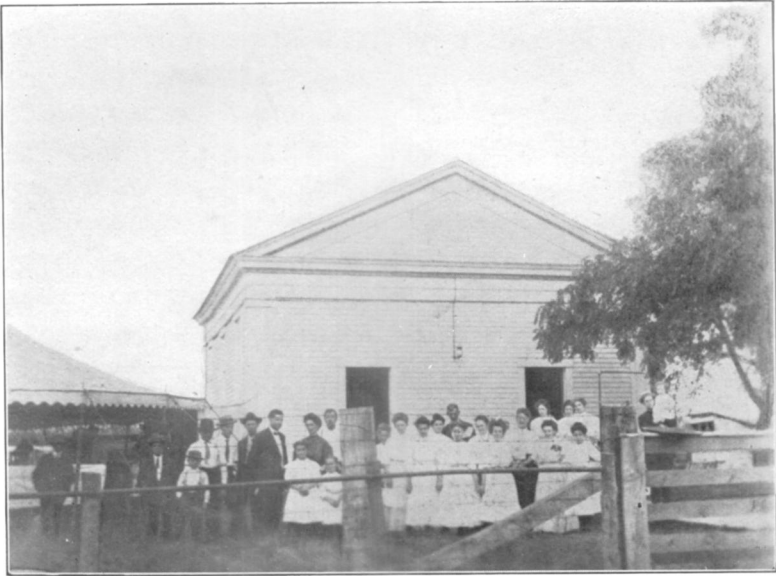
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MORGAN SCHOOLHOUSE No. 2, August 15, 1851.

We, the body of Christ, agree to organizing ourselves after the primitive practice to watch over one another and admonish each other, for our good, to take the scriptures of the old and new testaments for our rule of faith and practice.

That for practice, the new is sufficient, but for faith both are required. To call ourselves by the name given to Christians in the primitive age by the Apostles—definitely called Christians—the followers of Christ. We agree to continue steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine, in fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayers. Further as the primitive organizations were named according to locations so that they might be addressed or called upon by the traveling brethren, therefore we agree to be known as the Church of Christ on Indian Creek, meeting at Morgan Schoolhouse No. 2,

Indian Creek Church, August 15, 1852.



Berea Church.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

Joel Robinson	Wm. Hubbs
Malinda Robinson	Isaac Smith
John Robinson	Lydia Smith
Elizabeth Robinson	Nancy Stockton
Wesley Corrington	Casander Stockton
Casander Corrington	Lucinda Sutton
Matilda Thompson	Frances Pearson
Lydia Ann Smith (Mrs. James Hymes)	Van Buren Cowen
Charles Rowe (1st minister)	Ald Bryant
Matilda McIntyre	Margaret Coke
Mary Ann Obanion	<i>January, 1854</i>
Sarah Robinson	Albert Hickox
James Herbert	Fannie Eggers
Wm. R. Grant (2d minister)	Elizabeth Armstrong
Dr. John C. Cobb	Mrs. Bryant
James H. Cobb	Jesse Swan
Emily Corrington (Mrs. Joseph Cunningham)	Susan Stice
Frances Corrington	Hiram Giltner
Virginia Payne	Wm. Rusk
Mary E. Martin	Wm. Lewis
Harriet Martin	Margaret Lewis
Isaac Robinson	Wm. Stice
Jane Robinson	Mary Stuart
Mary James	Emily Sage
Mildred McIntyre	Samuel Hymes
Emaline Rowe	Reese Gard
James C. Corrington	Cyrus Jones
Wm. Robinson	Nancy Jones
Benjamin McIntyre	Mary Schrader
Lou Hawkenberry	Mary Corrington
Henry Deweese	Mary Hickox
Ann Deweese	Jane Rusk
	Wm. Cox

April, 1855

Jane Owen
Sarah Cooper
Rebecca Cox
Hannah Robinson

1856

James Westingage
Margaret Rusk
John Cyrus
Elizabeth Ann Hubbs
Margaret Gaines
Francis Chittick
Levesta Sallee
Elizabeth Sallee
Nancy Rusk
Jane Giltner
Sinea Welch
Sarah Sims

January 1, 1857

Malinda J. Cobb
Sara F. Rowe
A. J. Highbaugh
Aquilla Sims (3d minister)
Angline Meacham
Wm. McIntyre
Peter D. Thompson
David Ford
Van Buren Welch
Mary Ellen Sims
Stephen Robinson
John Stult
Hezekiah Flinn
James G. Cox
Fannie Wilmot

John Chittick
Thomas Turner
Wm. M. Jones
Lafayette Robinson
Ellen Jones

February, 1858

John Thomas
Mrs. John Thomas

January 1, 1860

Joseph Hymes
Caroline Robinson
Henry C. Giltner
Elizabeth Owen
Sarah Owen

March, 1861

Warren Huffaker
Elihu Sage
Margaret McIntyre
Catherine Cooper
Jonathan Sage
Theodore Dalby
Nathan Dalby
James Hymes
Henry B. Robinson
Nathaniel W. Belt
Nimrod Keiser
Gibson McLaughlin
Preston Martin
Elizabeth Martin
Nathan Martin
James Marten
John Hickman
D. J. Aubrey

Asa W. Mason
 Mary Workman
 Isabelle Britt
 Anna Dalby

March, 1862

Ellen Hall
 Frederick Lange
 Edmond Raglan
 Mrs. Raglan
 Mary Jane Raglan
 Allen H. Rice (4thth minister)
 Mrs. Rice
 Mrs. Elizabeth Sage
 Lewis Jossey
 Martha Raglan
 Wm. Raglan
 Julia Foster
 Oscar Jones
 Chas. Foster
 Edward Martin
 Elbert Rice
 Rosa Ray
 James H. Shue
 Matilda Dalby

January, 1863

Theresa Dalby
 Miss Elizabeth^r Saye
 Martha Workman
 Joshua Hubbs
 Mrs. Hubbs
 Rebecca^r Mitchell
 Hannah Flinn

January, 1865

Catherine Johnson
 Martha Jones
 Carrie Ingelow
 Matilda Jane Gore

January, 1866

Mrs. Catherine Lewis
 Miss Dorothea Jones
 John Bailey
 F. M. Fortney
 B. W. Haley (minister)
 Mrs. Haley
 John B. Shuff (minister)
 Elizabeth Shuff
 F. M. Ferguson

January, 1867

Charles Salyers
 Rebecca Salyers
 Wm. D. McCoy
 Emily McCoy
 James Hall
 Wm. Hall
 John Salyers
 George Flinn
 Chalmers Roberts
 Marsha A. Hall
 Ann E. Hall
 Margaret Coons
 Elenor Salyers
 James Rusk
 Almarinda Owen
 Damaris Owen

Ann Owen
 Sarah Bennet
 John Boston
 C. C. Flinn
 Mrs. Agnes Flinn
 Ada Mitchell
 Rosetta Peterson
 Ann Hall
 James K. Bennet
 Malinda Johnson
 Mrs. Tennessee Creed
 Mary Graff
 Mrs. Julia Ferguson
 David Van Camp
 Mrs. Jane Boston
 Mrs. Van Camp
 Mrs. Martha Emerick
 Jordan Grogan
 Daniel Ford
 Jennie Deweese
 Willis Hubbs
 Lucy Jordan
 Chesterfield Salyers
 Emma Armstrong
 Miss Charlotte Salyers
 W. C. Owen
 B. C. Randal
 Mrs. Gard
 John C. Walker
 John C. Wallser
 Mrs. Wallser
 Mrs. Nancy Bowman
 George Hinkle
 Lycurges Emerick
 James Deweese
 W. H. Hopewell

Miss Hopewell
 Mrs. Willis Hubbs

January, 1870

Andrew Emericks
 Sarah McIntyre
 Rebecca Johnson
 Ida Hymes
 Mina Hymes
 Frances McCoy
 James Johnson
 Joe Hall
 James Emerick
 George Jennings
 Sarah Jennings
 Sarah Mann
 Henry Grant
 Lucius Grant
 Margaret Grant
 Emma Tunnel
 Frances Jones
 Martha Hall
 Sarah Angeld

1871

Miss Fox
 Miss Fox
 Chris. Rufus
 Mrs. Christian Rufus
 Mrs. Jasper
 D. O. Cross
 Louisa Wilson
 Andrew Knox
 Robert Jones
 George Stice
 David Fisher
 W. B. McIntyre